

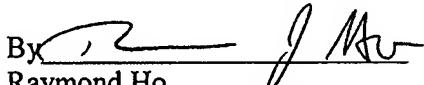
Remarks

The present response is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2009. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9-14, 17, 18, 21 and 22 have been canceled in favor of amended claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 15, 16, 19 and 20. The following remarks and above amendments should render all pending claims patentable.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 15, 16, 19 and 20 as containing allowable subject matter. In this connection, Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 15, 16, 19 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form, whereby Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 have been amended to incorporate original Claim 1, and Claims 15, 16, 19, and 20 have been amended to incorporate original Claim 13. Accordingly, amended independent Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 15, 16, 19 and 20 are now patentable over the cited references of record.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the subject application is believed to be in a better condition for allowance and a timely Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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